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## MEXICANS MUST REORGANIZE IT

## Present Land-Ownership System Held Intolerable

Wilson To Insist On Reform---Firmly Believes There Can Be No Permanent Peace In The Southern Republic Unless Vast Properties Held By The Aristocracy Are Opened Up To The Peons---Problem For Mediators To Solve

Washington, May 18.—The program pate fighting is in progress all around which United States officials have in Saltilio, while the main rebel army is the Mexican sitluation goes far beyond the mere elimination of Huerta from els were killed, and more than 100 templates a radical reorganization of federals, retreating from Monclova, the present system of land holding in

Surprising as this statement is, it was learned on the best of authority that the Washington government is prepared to insist upon this reform in any settlement of the Mexican sit-The president and his advisers are convinced that the elimination of the present semi-feudal landholding system in Mexico and the opening up of these vast properties to ownership by the peons are fundamental to a complete and permanent restoration of peace in Mexico.

The administration will insist upon assurances of this reform even if Carranza and Villa are in control at Mexico City. There is good reason, in fact, to believe that President Wilson, in the event of a Constitutionalist victory, will withhold recognition from the Carranza government absolute pledges of this charac ter have been given.

Present System Intolerable. As viewed by administration lead-

ers, any settlement of the Mexican situation which does not provide for the doing away of the present system of land ownership by a small group of favored individuals is certain to fal. There will follow a repetition of the scenes of the last two years under new leaders and with possibly new troops, but the spirit of discontent and revolution will, it is contended, be just as strong as it is today Huerta as the administration has now come to view the situation in the southern republic, merely typifies a system of government in Mexico which must be destroyed before the United States can hope for any permanent peace and order on its southern border.

Such a course, it will be contended constitutes a meddling with Mexico's internal affairs, which up to this time has never been suggested in the president's notifications with the Huerta government. The answer will General Function reported from Vera be that this reform is necessary if the United States is ever to be relieved of the burdens imposed by the ed and destroyed the San Francisco lawlessness in the southern republic.

Represent Landed Aristocracy. of a change in Mexico's system of and its destruction greatly increases land ownership will enter into the the difficulty of this route for an automobile. The dead: Thomas O. may be intended as a reminder to Orproposals by the American represent American invasion to Mexico City. tatives at Niagara Falls is uncertain. In this connection it is pointed out the bridge was not so disconcerting here that at least two of Huerta's del- to the Washington officials as was egates at Niagara Falls were in fact the evidence which it presented of representtives not of the Mexican dic- the continued activity of Huerta's tator, but of the landed aristocracy forces within the shadow of Vera in Mexico. This, it was asserted, was Cruz. This uneasiness was increased the plain meaning of the statements by the suggestion by General Function that have been made repeatedly that of the nearness of the Mexican comtwo of the delegates were not Huerta mander with his 3,000 followers. men at all, but represented the Mexi-

The belief is already expressed in some administration circles that tional charge that Huerta has viothese two members are in reality ap fated the armistice. pearing on the commission to represent the so-called system which Huerth typifies and that their duty will be to see that no settlement is made see that no settlement is made which will disturb the present sytem of land proprietorship in Maxica.

## FIGHTING NEAR SALTILLO

Rebal Forces Concentrating For the General Engagement.

Torreon, Mexico, May 18.-Dispatches received here show that des the oil fields.

mind for the permanent settlement of attacking the city proper. At Fraustro, on the railway between Saltillo the provisional presidency. It con- wounded in both armies when 1,000 were attacked by a rebel to protect the railroad line. The reb els had artillery and used it effective ly, the federals taking flight soon after the field pieces opened up. Thirty federals were captured.

> Raoul Madero moved on from that point to join in the general engagement at Saltillo. General Pancho Villa personally is directing the Sal-

## MEDIATOR ON THE GROUND

Argentine Minister, Doctor Naon, Ar-

rives at Niagara Falls. Nianara Falls, May 18.-This has probably been the most exciting day in many months here on both sides of the Niagara. The Clifton House ences will be held beginning Wedness day, and the Prospect House on the today. He was received by Senor to surrender June 6 to the warden of Bernhardt of Cincinnati. Ypanema Moreira, secretary of the the federal prison at Leavenworth, Brazilian embassy at Washington, Kan., or be taken to the penitentiary A. B. C. diplomats.

## MEXICANS BLOW UP RAILWAY BRIDGE

of the Armistice.

Washington, May 18. - Brigadier Cruz that the Mexicans had dynamit bridge on the line of the Interoceanic railway, 28 miles out from Vera Cruz. This brige was one of the most im-How far this fundamental question portant on the line of the Interoceanic The fact of the actual blowing up of fer. son-in-law. Mrs. Claude Stout, nature still needs perfection.

The likelihood is that the United States will eite the blowing up of this bridge to the mediators as an addi-

The blowing up of the railroad bridge, while causing some worry, is will be dealt to the Warnes taxation review. not to be compared with the situation law and the plan of increasing tax dogrowing out of the execution of Pri. plicates, if the judgment of the Erie ruises is whether all corporations vate Parks and developments in Tampico relating to the oil fields. The two latter constitute the really seri. against C. H. Nuhn, county treasurer, public service companies and railcrisis. The developments at Tampico | the judgment of tax experts here, | value, or whether the property they involve the Constitutionalists. It is Realizing the seriouness of the situacharged that they already are extorting money from foreign owners of

## SNAPSHOTS OF MEXICAN MEDIATORS LEAVING VERA CRUZ FOR THE A. B. C. CONFERENCE AT NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA



three Mexican mediators snapped as I diator is walking on the dock to the conference at Niagara Falls, Canada. America via Havana and Key West. In the picture at the left Senor Luis In the picture at the right Senor Elguero, indicated by an arrow, is talk. Emilio Rabasna is seen leaning on the

ators, kept himself aloof from

counsel for the defense said he had little notoriety.

Chicago, May 18.-Nineteen of the presented the president with a peti-American side, where the United 26 labor leaders sextenced in the tion carrying nearly a half million States delegates will live during the "dynamiting cases," who are at lib-signatures. The court also took unnegotiations, have both been the ob- erty on bonds, have but three more der advisement the cases of Olaf ject point of crowds. Dr. Naon, the weeks of freedom, The United States Tveitmos of San Francisco, Richard Argentine minister, reached Buffalo circuit court of appeals ordered them H. Houlihan of Chicago and William

A Chicago physician comes out with who has made arrangements for the from Chicago on that day. Only a the discovery that red flannel won't pardon from President Wilson can ward off rheumatism. Some other hernow save the convicted men from etic is due now to say that carrying a serving their sentences, which range buckeye won't do it either. But then, from one to six years. Mr. Zoline of some doctors will do anything to get a

## Act May Be Cited As Violation TRACTION CAR HIT AUTO 3 KILLED, 3 INJURED

and one seriously burt at Fort Benja- as Stout was seriously hurt. min Harrison, near here, when an Indiana Union traction car struck an

Indiarapolis, Ind., May 18. - Three der sen Kenneth, 4, and William members of one family were killed, Stout, brother of Thomas, were prob-three others probably fatally injured ably fatally injured, and Mrs. Thom-

Marthquakes, volcano and tempest Stout; Claude Stout, son; J. C. Sha- ville Wright that man's mastery over

# IF ERIE COURT SUSTAINED BOY

Columbus, O., May 18 - That a blow | court of appeals certify its record for

The big question which the suit county court of appeals in the case of having property in Ohio, other than the Cedar Point Resort company banks, building and loan associations. ous places of the present Mexican is affirmed by the supreme court, is ways, can be taxed on their "going" own must be placed on the duplicate tion. Attorney General Hogan and for its physical value, independent of Special Counsel Laylin have prepared any "going unit" value which it posa motion to have the Eric county sesses.

home. The door of their bedroom was neked and a gas jet was open.

New York, May 18 - Martin Brolin, 33, a Swede, who came to this counhis fine tenor voice would win him a fortune, committed suicide here. It is said the young man decided to die because of his inability to master

Bellaire, O., May 18 .- Henry Stock, a farmer, was shot and killed and Spanish-American war veteran, for Mrs. Peter Kuish was wounded by more than 30 years a resident of Cobullets fired, it is alleged, by the wom- lumbus, died in the Good Samaritan an's husband. Officers are searching hospital at Zanesville, whither he had for Kuish in a wood near the scene gone for an operation for cancer. He

to reach shore after jumping from a raft which had been caught in the swift current of the Ohio river, Lawrence O'Hanlon, 17, was drowned here. Three small brothers on shore watched his valiant struggle for life. The body was recovered.

## TALKS ON MEXICO; PRES. WILSON HOPES FOR PEACE

Taft Prays That Mediation Efforts May Be Successful.

## NATION FACES GIGANTIC TASK

Present Condition In Mexico an International Nuisance. Says the Ex-President, Who Criticises the Wilson Administration For its Alleged Failure to Maintain Strict Neutral-Ity-Essence of His Address.

New York, May 18.- Ex-President Taft, speaking on the subject of international peace at a peace meeting Democratic National Committee Are hall, said:

tion of war, but an advocacy of peace that ignores conditions and takes no ineffective. Threatened war between two stable nations is much easier to deal with than such a condition as that | tervene and help the forces of law visions, and 38 are noncommittal. and order to end such anarchy.

Guerrilla Warfare.

"If the available military force of ico for the last three years were to should need a much larger force than we now have to capture the larger

dispersed the armies the forces against us would adopt a system of guerrilla warfare. That is easy to carry on and difficult to suppress in the tolls exemption act be repealed: such a country. The best expert estimate of the force required by us to capture and garrison the necessary present week. Five senators have tranquilize the country is 400,000 speak on the subject and several other men, and it is said that this would ers probably will give such notice take two or three years and involve within the next few days. Majority an expenditure of \$1,000,000 a day.

that the efforts of Let us pray Chicago, May 18.-Mrs. Emily Back- our government at Washington to es- administration, confident as its leadus, 77, and her sicter, Miss Marletta cape this tremendous task may be ers may be that the repeal bill will Wright, 73, both wealthy and well successful. Let us hope that Carran. carry, has not ceased its efforts. known, were found dead in their 28, if succeeding to control in Mexico. with our aid and influence will bring us burdensome consequences."

Criticises Administration.

Mr. Taft asserted that there was no for war, he added, the people have at present little enthusiasm.

The criticism Mr. Taft leveled at the Wilson administration had to do with the ald which he said the adtry three years ago convinced that ministration had given to the Mexiindement," he said, "that if in our course toward Mexico during the usst year we had not exerted such direct influence as we have to aid one of the contending parties, we should not now be so near general intervention and

### GENERAL AXLINE DEAD

Former State Official Passes Away In Zanesville.

Columbus, O., May 18. General Henry A. Axline, former adjutant general of Ohlo, former deputy inter nal revenue collector, past state com mander of the G. A. R., civil war and was 66 years of age and knows throughout the state and in military circles far beyond the state boundary widow, one Claude De Witte of Sandusky, three sisters and one brother survive. Fu neral services will be held at Zunes

consultations: Greene-Oh, yes. I asked how much Statesman.

Sweet Mabel thinks the selfish men Try to hold women back. She tries to drive an auto when She couldn't drive a tack. -Baltimore American.

# IS UPHELD

By Ohio Democrats In The Controversy

Eight Favor Repeal of Ganal Tolls Exemption Act.

### **ALL DELEGATES TO CONVENTION**

nounces That Out of 867 Delegates Polled, Only 127 Now Support the Free Tolls Provision-Debate On the Repeal Bill Nearing the End. Anti-Trust Legislation,

Washington, May 18 .- Eight Onic note of what is practical is futile and Democrats, all of whome were delegates to the Baltimore convention which confronts us in Mexico. A three the Democratic national committee. years' war has laid waste the coun- declaring that the sentiment among try, destroyed its industry and ex- Democrats of Ohio and the nation is posed all foreigners resident in the in support of President Wilson's country to lawless violence and all stand for the repeal of the Panama their investments there to destruc- canal tolls exemption act. Out of 867 tion. It has in fact become an inter- delegates polled 702 are said to have national nuisance. In such a case a lined up behind the president, while neighboring country may properly in only 127 support the free tolls pro-

Mayor Newton D. Baker of Cleveland, Congressman J. H. Koeke of the Fourth district, J. W. Smith of Ottamen trained and made hardy by the wa, John S. Snook of Paulding, Thornas P. Schmidt of Clifton Park, Lakewood: Don J. Young of Norwalk, A. W. Ashley of Toledo and John W. Devanney of (linciment) are the Office Democrats who place themselves on record with the declaration that the Democratic national convention was wrong in adopting the free tolls plant. in the party platform, and that President Wilson is right in insisting that

The fight over the repeal bill is expected to reach its climax during the towns, suppress guerrilla warfare and given notice of their intention as Leader Kern is hopeful that a vote may he taken by Manda

Anti-Trust Legislation.

The house this week will take upabout a condition of affairs, responsi- what it considers the most important -billity for which will not entail upon work of the session, consideration of the three so-called anti-trust bills. which, with the necessary appropristion bills, now make up the adminispopular pressure for a military policy tration legislative program. The which the administration can not re- most optimistic house leaders do not sist. He said that the people were believe the three truss measures can determined to do their duty, even be passed in less than three weeks. should that, duty involve war. But The trio will be taken up by the house under a special rule which will be reported tomorrow. The rule as framed in committee will limit general debate to 40 hours, but there will be no limitation to debate under the five-minute rale and no limit upon the can Constitutionalists. "It is my amendments which may be offered Aside from the fight which is expected on the broad principles lais down in each of the bills there will be a particularly bitter struggle on the part of members favorable to labor and agricultural unions to exemps them from the operation of the Sher man anti-trust law, President Wilson is understood to have told house leaders interested in this legislation that he does not approve this exemption. and there is little doubt that his de sires will be met, but a strong effort will be made to incorporate an exemption amendment.

Columbus, O., May 18 .- Disappointments are in store for Ohio envalry men, members of the National Guard Adjutant General George H. Wood Redd-Does the doctor charge for has received word from the bureau of militia affairs of the war department at Washington that the camp at Winhe was paying for gasoline now, and chester, Va., to which the four Obfo-East Liverpool, O., May 18.—Unable he sent me a bill for \$2. - Yonkers | troops were to be sent, has been declared off for the present. The reason is said to be the dispatch of regular cavalry to the border of Texas and Mexico and to Colorado, leaving only a small force to be sent to the train ing camp.